

Undergraduate Assn. Prexy Describes Opportunities In Student Govt. For Freshmen

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President of the Undergraduate Association

All undergraduate activities at the Institute can be looked upon as organizations designed to give the individual participants relaxation, friendship, and a varying degree of practical experience and know-how. To the entering freshman these three derivatives should make it appear highly desirable to participate in one or more (not extra-, but) co-curricular activities. In addition to these personal benefits that nefarious group of activities commonly lumped together and called "student government" offers something more to the individual participants.

You will probably find M.I.T. student government a far different animal than the governmental organization you knew in high school. Even among colleges our student government is unique in the high degree of autonomy which it enjoys, exercising sole control over all undergraduate activities (including athletics) handling all student judiciary cases, and enjoying wide participation and mutual respect with members of the faculty and administration in discussions concerning academic and administrative matters of interest to the student body.

The Undergraduate Association vests its legislative authority in the representative nineteen man Institute Committee. This body, generally referred to as "Inscumm", coordinates through its various subcommittees the vast network of undergraduate activities. More important, it represents the needs and views of the students to the administration and to the outside community. Through its participation in the National Student Association, it plays an important part in bringing to the attention of the nation and the rest of

the world as well, the collective views of the American student body on national and international issues of concern to students.

The Tech Gives Frosh Writers Fine Opportunity

"All work and no play" is the way too many in-coming freshmen visualize their days at the Institute. Some of them, when classes begin, actually put such a policy into operation. It has been shown, however, that a real education is much more than just book-learning. And, despite all the rumors, every freshman can devote part of his time to extra-curricular activities without flunking out of school.

For freshmen with any interest in journalism, from either the literary or the business point of view, no better activity could be found than *The Tech*. The paper, in its 74th successive year of publication, provides a vast array of activities for prospective staff members. On the literary side, there are openings for freshmen on the news, the features, and the sport staffs. Camera fans would find the photographic staff work enjoyable.

Members of the business staff serve as office personnel, assistant treasurers, advertising representatives, and circulation and salesmen. In every phase of the paper, promotion is based on the individual's merits and interest.

Freshmen interested in working on the staff of *The Tech* should (Continued on page 6)

Fewer Cancellations Result in Unusually Large Freshman Class; '58 Will Start Year 960 Strong

Pres. Killian Welcomes Class of '58

I am sure I speak for the whole M.I.T. family in saying that I am particularly happy and very proud indeed to welcome the Class of 1958 to the Institute.

You begin your academic careers with the distinction of being the largest entering class in the Institute's history and with unparalleled opportunities for achievement in almost every field of your choice.

I am sure each of you shares with me the conviction that never in the history of humanity has there been a greater need or a clearer understanding of our responsibilities as individuals and as citizens of a great nation. You have an immediate opportunity to accept this responsibility in taking full advantage of our resources for education for the whole man.

To those who may think Science and Technology have already crossed all frontiers of knowledge and development, I hasten to assure you that some of the greatest problems of all time still await solution. The most important is that of man's relationship to man. The free peoples of the world are, I am sure, counting upon the scientists and engineers and industrial leaders of the future to share in finding a solution that will bring peace to all the world.

Mrs. Killian and I look forward to meeting you and your parents at our house on Sunday afternoon.

J. R. KILLIAN, JR.

CREW RALLY

A rally will be held on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 5 P.M. in room 10-250 for the purpose of introducing interested students, particularly freshmen, to crew, the sport which has brought international recognition to Tech. Varsity men will be on hand to answer any questions about the sport. In addition, motion pictures of crew highlights will be shown. No previous experience is required of a prospective oarsman.

President Killian Host At Fete For Frosh Advisers

Student Counselors and Faculty Advisers banqueting together last Wednesday night, launching this year's Freshman Counseling Program. The affair was held in the Campus Room of the Graduate House, with President James R. Killian, Jr. as host. It was attended by about 60 members of the Faculty and about 80 Student Counselors. The latter are participating in the program under the direction of the student-run Freshman Coordinating Committee, which also makes the arrangements for Freshman Week-end.

The Counseling Program, which has been in operation for two years, consists of two parts—one organized by the students and the other by the Faculty's Freshman Advisory Council—with a common goal: the integration of the entering student into the Institute community.

The Faculty Advisers have already initiated their contacts with the freshman. They met with approximately eight advisees in a group and individually on Thursday and Friday, to discuss academic questions and just get acquainted. On Friday evening, many new students were dinner guests at the homes of their Faculty advisers.

The Student Program got under way Thursday evening. Each upper-class Counselor got together with eight or ten freshmen in the dormitories to talk over first impressions and answer any questions. All student Counselors are volunteers, and have attended special seminars on freshman problems especially and on student problems in general.

Refresher seminars are being offered this fall for all interested counselors. The time and location of these are posted on the dormitory (Continued on page 4)

Over 950 freshmen from practically every state in the union comprise the class of 1958, the largest entering class in recent history. In this group are included 50 students from foreign countries as well as 16 female students.

According to B. Alden Thresher, director of admissions, the unusually large class was caused by fewer cancellations by those accepted for admission. About 3500 applications for places in the incoming class were received by the admissions office—an increase over last year. Roughly three-fourths of the freshmen come from public high schools while the rest received their secondary school training in private institutions. There are over six hundred different schools represented in the class of '58.

Only 28 Korean war veterans are in the class. The admissions office does not expect this figure to rise in the next few years and no rush of veterans like that experienced after the second world war is anticipated. Combined plan colleges supplied twenty-seven students to the incoming class and there are around two hundred transfer students. Thirty percent of the class of 1958 hold scholarships of one kind or another which is an increase over last year's figure. It is expected that about 60% of the new class will be around in 1958 to receive their diplomas—the rest of the class, having left of their own accord or flunking out.

Institute Provides Full Social Life For Coming Year

When and where the major social events of the year are occurring is shown below in the 1954-55 Social Calendar. I. D. C. means Informal Dance Committee, and dates so designated are those on which this group sponsors dances in Walker Memorial. The committee spends most of its money on decorations and atmosphere, and uses recorded music, but the dances are among the most popular at the Institute.

FALL TERM

September

18 First Freshman Acquaintance Dance

24 Catholic Club Fall Acquaintance Dance

October

2 Dormitory Acquaintance Dance

15 '56 Muglift, Second Freshman Acquaintance Dance

16 I. D. C. Dance

22 T. C. A. Acquaintance Dance—Chandler

23 '57 Muglift (Afternoon); East Campus Dance

29-30 Junior Prom Weekend

30 Field Day

November

5 Sophomore Dance '57

6 Dormitory Acquaintance Dance

12 Club Latino Dance

13 I. D. C. Dance

19 Nautical Association Semi-Formal Dance

20 Technicon Dance

26 5:15 Club Dance

December

4 East Campus Dance

10 Dormitory Christmas Formal

11 I. D. C. Dance

17 5:15 Club Dance

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The Tech Offers An Introduction To Boston; College Sponsored Activities Found Best

In a few weeks new faces on the M.I.T. campus will begin wondering how Boston differs from other towns playing host to educational institutions. The reason for this interest will most likely evolve from the sequence of Fall acquaintance dances on the college campuses.

To the newcomer, Boston doesn't present a very lasting impression. It takes the average person a week to see what would be of general interest to him in Boston, and to overcome the fascination of being in a new town far from home. But after that time has elapsed, Boston generates a very cold atmosphere. The people on the street act in a very sedate manner, and the sidewalks are usually empty by ten o'clock on the weekends. Entertainment, outside of movies and theatres, seems to be non-existent. And, of course, there are the Boston Blue-Laws which prevent any sort of entertainment from continuing past 12:00 midnight on Saturday.

The Tech would like to introduce the entering class of 1958 to a more pleasant view of Boston. Unlike any other town, Boston entertains a very large college student body. M.I.T., Harvard, Boston University, Tufts College, Radcliffe, Wellesley, Simmons, Northeastern University, and Brandeis, are some of the very large colleges within a very small radius of Boston. In addition to these colleges,

there are hundreds of smaller colleges and finishing schools in the Boston area. All these college groups combined, create a very active and entertaining college society. This college society plans acquaintance dances, produces plays, presents concerts, and in general provides a very active medium for becoming acquainted with people who share your interests.

The young people of college age who aren't students enjoy a very pleasant program of entertainment also. In the Boston area there are several ballrooms featuring name brands which draw large crowds. Admission usually runs about one dollar. Some of the very popular ones are the Totem Pole Ballroom at Norumbega Park, Moseley's On The Charles, and the Oceanview Ballroom at Revere Beach.

For foreign students, the international Student Association of Greater Boston offers a wonderful weekly program which includes lectures on popular subjects, dances, dinners, concerts, and plays. Students who have esthetic entertainment appetites will be glad to take advantage of Boston as the cultural center of the East. In addition to the tradition and history behind Boston, which has kept its atmosphere a very conservative one, there are many old established musical institutions which present free concerts to the public. The New England

Conservatory of Music presents free concerts in its Jordan Hall. The Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum on the Fenway presents a very excellent selection of free concerts. Also many of the large colleges like M.I.T. support a free concert program for its students.

Tickets are available for all performances in the Boston theatres through the T.C.A. Concerts given by the Boston Pops Orchestra and the Boston Symphony Orchestra are usually very popular. Theater productions that are on their way to Broadway stop at Boston before going on to New York. Every month there is usually some exhibition like the Sportsman Show or the Boat Show going on in the Mechanics Hall or some other assembly hall. The Boston Garden houses the Circus, the Rodeo, the Ice Follies, wrestling, boxing, and basketball games whenever they are in season. Announcements of these events will always appear in the *The Tech* and arrangements can be made through the T.C.A. or their box offices for tickets.

If you enjoy spectator sports, tickets for all the college games can be obtained through the T.C.A. or from the box offices at Harvard Stadium, Braves Field (National League Baseball Grounds), Fenway Park (American League Baseball Grounds), (Continued on page 6)

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Editorial

WELCOME

By this time nearly all of the new crop of young freshmen has descended upon the campus, and no small number of them have already become acclimated to the extent that they know where Building 10 is, and what Course VI is. To all of these budding young engineers and scientists we extend, as we are probably expected to do, a very warm and cordial welcome. In addition, we would like to set down in black and white a few words of brotherly and most likely not wanted advice from our high position as veterans of two and three years at the Institute.

By now the freshman has quite likely come to view the many welcomes he has received as superficial and lacking in sincerity. However, we think that these offerings are now merely social obligations, but as earnest congratulations upon entrance to a school that is proud of its unity and teamwork. And so we would like to add our own congratulations to the new class.

By now the freshmen have all been showered with free and often unwanted advice. The least we can do is add our own contribution. As at least ten people have indubitably already told you, M.I.T. offers an educational opportunity that is virtually unparalleled in the world today. However, too many students are guilty of completely ignoring the other aspects of college life. As the Institute so often points out, there are over a hundred clubs, organizations, and other activities on the campus. In addition there are numerous other unrecognized activities such as Wellesley, Simmons, and so on.

This multitude of activities that are present here at the Institute, and the activities that are available in Boston and the surrounding communities provide an education that not be gained in the classroom. These activities present the student the opportunity for including in his college days not only one of the finest scholastic educations the nation can provide, but also for experiencing some of the simpler joys of life, for meeting new people, for making new friends.

Too often freshmen either ignore their opportunities, or put them off until they have "more time." The result is that they find they have gained little from their college days other than a command of the facts drilled into them in the classroom.

The Institute is not dedicated to producing a group of human automatons, men who can do little more than recite facts. They are vitally interested in graduating men who are not only thoroughly grounded in the basic principles of their field, but who are also capable of doing original thinking on their own initiative, and who are capable of meeting and working with other people. Without a doubt the student who has engaged in some form of extra-curricular activities has gained valuable experience in the field of human relations.

We cannot urge too strongly that you seriously consider joining some organizations or groups during these first weeks. The new experience, the new acquaintances, and the break in the scholastic routine all contribute to the value of these activities.

One of the fears most prevalent among freshmen is that they will fail to pass their courses. For those that are worried about this possibility we have this one word of advice. Those who flunk out are the ones that completely ignore their studies, or to put it in the vernacular, "goof off." Just don't goof off and everything will be all right.

Now that we have thoroughly confused everyone, we will, in closing, welcome you heartily and wish you the best of luck during your four years here.

through the mail

To the Class of '58:

By the end of Saturday afternoon, you will have been exposed to various and sundry displays, all designed to attract your attention to extra-curricular activities. In the next few weeks, you will be hearing a lot more from the activities, by means of bulletin board notices, personal visits, (remember those TCA cards returned with the registration material?) and smokers. Smokers, by the way, are informal meetings of activity staffs, at which interested students can share cider, donuts, etc., and find out how they can work with the organization.

Many of you may be thinking, "I came here to learn about science and engineering, so why should I bother with activities?" As you know, the Institute is trying to gear its educational program to turning out leaders in community life as well as experts in the professional fields. That is the reason for the emphasis placed on the Humanities Program. That is one of the reasons for the strong administrative support for student activities. Activities give the participating students a chance to work together toward any common goal.

More important from your own viewpoint, perhaps, is the simple fact that activities are fun, and you CAN'T study ALL the time. There are more than 80 different activities appealing to almost every interest, whether it be pleasure, self-improvement, community service, or just a change from the books. I won't enumerate the activities for you here, since The Social Beaver, issued by TCA, does a much better job than I could.

Probably a lot of you would be glad to join in the fun of activities if there only weren't those grades to worry about. Well, let me pass along some things I've found out in my three years at the Institute. As a Freshman I came to the Institute in 1951 with a good high school record (as does every Techman) and more than a little anxiety about how the work here would affect me. So I was careful not to put much time into activities, and I concentrated on schoolwork. It didn't take too long to realize that the Institute was not intentionally trying to flunk me out, and that I could profit by spending a little more time on activities. I know the diploma from M.I.T. is worth a lot, and nobody should give that up to become an activities man. On the other hand, the more complete education which you can achieve by taking part in student activities, in addition to your formal studies, is one of the greatest advantages obtained by going to college.

So my advice is simple. Look over the activity displays in the cage. Watch the bulletin boards for information about smokers. When you see one listed which interests you, visit it. This won't commit you to anything you don't want. Then decide which activities you would like to work with,

and join them. It is not necessary to go "hog wild" and join ten groups in order to gain the benefits of activities. It is much better to join perhaps two or three, and do a little more in each. Another thing—you can join activities ANY TIME while you are at school, but the sooner you're in, the more time there is to advance yourself if you so desire. A few hours a week, which would probably otherwise be wasted, can really help to make your life at M.I.T. more pleasant, and more profitable.

Transfer students are as warmly welcomed to activities as Freshmen. You need not be left out just because you are upper classmen.

These activities are yours to participate in. They exist only for you. Why not take part? I think you will be glad you did.

William Neff '55,
President Activities Council

Sept. 15, 1954

To the Class of 1958:

Many of you will hear of the great concern that members of the Tech undergraduate body expressed last year about freshman rules. A final decision by the Institute Committee to abolish these rules makes the M.I.T. class of '58 a unique group. You are one of few freshman classes in the United States that is expected to be mature enough not to need rules for indoctrination into college life. This, however, does not mean that Tech has no school spirit.

This year M.I.T. has adopted a school tie. Previously this was a freshman tie, and was worn to signify you were a freshman. Our new tie is an exclusive design and signifies you are a member of the M.I.T. undergraduate family. It will be worn by the whole school. Buy one; wear it proudly. Handsome lapel pins are also on sale. A definite effort to teach M.I.T. songs to freshmen will be made this year. Let's learn them.

Remember, although you have come to a school where you will find work of primary importance, we are not slouches as far as athletics, activities, or traditions are concerned. This is not the place to expound on last year's athletic accomplishments, but it is the place to tell you to be proud of being here at the Institute. Get out and make it a better place, activity wise, than it is this fall.

Henry Salzhauser,
Sept. 16, 1954 President Class of '57

TO THE CLASS OF '58:
We would like to welcome you to MIT and to the beginning of an educational experience which we hope will continue far beyond your stay at the Institute.

Being accepted as a responsible and maturing individual, it becomes your obligation to act as such in your development intellectually and spiritually, and with your neighbors and associates.

Responsibility is not only alone obligation; it is your privilege to question, to criticize, and to better the educational process which you now

after hours

DANCES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

First Freshmen Acquaintance Dance—will be roofed at Walker's Moss Hall. Six hundred girls will expect to be swept off their feet by the class of '58. George Graham will provide the foot rhythm. All freshmen are advised to bring notebooks, pencil and a map of the Boston area. Remember, the regular M.T.A. schedule is discontinued after 1:00 A.M.

Over 520 Frosh Attend Rush Week 330 Are Pledged

Last Thursday the Inter-fraternity conference Clearing House closed its office thus officially ending fraternity Rush Week. This year Rush Week was the largest in history with 520 Freshmen registering as compared with 390 last year. Of this number 330 are already pledged, and it is expected that this number will increase during the next few weeks.

All twenty-six of the Institute's rushing fraternities participated, and rushing went along smoothly. This year's Freshman class was slower to pledge than were their predecessors last year. The largest pledge class was reported by Lambda Chi Alpha with 23 men. Several houses have as few as 6 men pledged.

In a statement to *The Tech*, Glenn D. Jackson, '55, I.F.C. president, said, "I should like to thank all the Freshmen for their splendid cooperation in filling out Rush Week registration cards and making rushing more easily facilitated, and also the fraternities for handling very successfully the largest number of rushees ever."

begin. It is your privilege to seek such betterment by working with faculty, administration, and other students in this common goal.

The Dormitory Council exists essentially to promote understanding of the problems inherent in dormitory life and to continue toward an improved education by bringing about the elimination of these problems.

On behalf of the Dormitory Council, may we wish for you an education challenging in every respect—an education which you gain only by giving of yourself and only through constant critical questioning and evaluation.

Best wishes,
John Seiler, Chairman
Dormitory Council
Sept. 13, 1954

Announcement

IMPORTANT to FRESHMAN

JOIN the Coop and SAVE Money on Your Purchases

By joining the COOP you become a storekeeper for yourself, just as if you rented a store, put in a stock of merchandise, and employed salespeople.

The Stockholders, all members of the Faculties of M.I.T., Harvard and Radcliffe, hold the capital stock in trust and receive no dividends upon it. The stockholders from M.I.T. are Professor Erwin H. Schell and Dean E. Pennell Brooks.

On the Board of Directors, the M.I.T. representatives are Ralph E. Freeman, Head of Dept. of Economics; Harold E. Lobdell, Executive Vice President, Alumni Association; Walter Humphreys, Secretary of the M.I.T. Corporation; Horace S. Ford, Treasurer Emeritus of the M.I.T. Corporation, and Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr.

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Charge Accounts for members only.

Join before making a purchase, for Patronage Refunds cannot be credited on purchases made previous to taking out a membership.

The TECH-COOP is the official distributor of all your supplies. The material required for all freshmen has been passed upon by the Faculty and approved by them.

Every TECH man should become a member without delay. The Membership fee is one dollar.

PATRONAGE REFUNDS. For the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1955, a Patronage Refund upon cash purchases, or charge purchases to the member's personal account, has been voted at the rate of not less than 8% on charge purchases and 10% on cash. It is essential that you join early in order that you may obtain full benefit of membership at the Tech Store.

A Membership at the Technology Store Also Makes You a Member at the Harvard Square Store

TECHNOLOGY STORE

HARVARD COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

Patronage Refund to Members

MLT. Students Draw Dates From Many Girl's Colleges

Technology is ideally suited with regard to sources of feminine companionship. There's Boston University with its urban, big-city atmosphere; and its physical education subdivision, Bargent; there's Radcliffe with its Harvard influence and reputation for plain, bookish women, although a cursory glance reveals that they're not all that way; there's Wellesley with its traditions, teas, and spring hooprolling and tree-planting rites; there's Simmons with its professional courses and career-minded young women; there's Katherine Gibbs with its chic young secretarial students; there's Caswell, Brandeis, Regis, Emmanuel, Emerson, Endicott, Pine Manor, Garfield School, Wheelock, Bouve, several large nursing schools, and probably a good many more.

Meeting these women does, of course, pose a problem. There are always a large number of acquaintance dances at Tech and at the girl's schools

at the beginning of the fall and spring terms; and while the statisticians are wont to point out the tremendous probability of a mis-match, a good many friendships and romances have had their start at these functions. Cutting-in is usually allowed at acquaintance dances, and the man whose eyesight deceives him and gets "stuck" can get unstuck with a simple "thank you" and smile. Information on these dances can be found weekly in the "After Hours" column of The Tech. Blind dates, as everyone knows, can be sources of hope, desire, and sometimes pleasure. The key to success here is contacts and friendships, and the freshman is advised to make as many as possible of both. Where all else fails, contacting a house mother can often lead to surprising results.

The Scoop

Below is some pertinent information on some of the larger girl's schools. Boston University—Most of the res-

ident girls live at Charlesgate. This dorm can be reached by walking across Harvard Bridge and turning right at Beacon St. First term Freshmen have to be in at 9:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and at 12:00 on Saturdays. The deadline is 10:00 p.m., on Sundays. Sophomores have until 12:30 a.m., on Fridays and Saturdays. Juniors can stay out until 1:00 a.m. Girls are allowed as many overnights as they want provided they have written permission.

Emerson—Best way to get to the dorms on either Beacon St. or Commonwealth Ave. is by walking. Freshmen have to be in by 11:00 p.m., on Friday nights, and 1:00 a.m. is the deadline Saturday evening.

Radcliffe—Can be reached by subway or bus to Harvard Square. It's a short walk from there although trolleys do run from the Square to the Harvard annex. Freshmen are allowed fifteen one o'clocks during the first term. If she wants to stay out later than that, the Cliffdeweller must obtain permission from the head resident. Debutantes have no trouble here.

Lasell—The best way to get to this two-year junior college is to take the MTA's Boston College-Commonwealth trolley to the end of the line; then take the Middlesex and Boston's Auburndale bus to Washington St. Girls are allowed two nights out a week. The usual deadline on Friday is 11:30 p.m.; with 12:45 a.m., the time on Saturdays. The school allows two one o'clock's a term and twelve overnights a year. Overnights must be at approved Boston hotels.

Simmons—Brookline Avenue busses from Kenmore subway station will take the Simmons dater to any of the Brookline Ave. houses. For the Kent St. residences, the Cleveland Circle-Beacon St. trolley from Massachusetts station will convey him "swiftly" to

Frosh - Soph Rivalry Ceases With Traditional Field Day; Rides Prohibited This Year

To the Class of 1958:

No doubt you have already heard much of Field Day and the freshman-sophomore rivalry; shortly you will be exposed to it for the first time. There are tales of water battles, midnight rides, and other strange escapades, and soon you will find that even the most terrifying of these stories is only too true.

For the first six weeks or so of school there is virtually open warfare between freshmen and sophomores, and, because of their better organization and superior knowledge, the sophomores usually get the better of it. Being left sans clothes on the Wellesley campus may seem a bit harsh, but there is some sense to these strange shenanigans. After a few weeks of disorganization, the frosh begin to knit themselves together into some sort of a team. The pre-Field Day riots simply bring the freshmen closer together and prepare them for the coming Field Day events.

After weeks of raids, riots, and zany escapades, the freshman-sophomore rivalry reaches its peak with Field Day, which will come this year on October 30. On Field Day, the freshmen and sophomores meet on the athletic field to decide supremacy. This year the Field Day events will include crew, swimming, football, track, a tug-of-war, and the glove fight.

Glove Fight

The Glove Fight, final event of Field Day, needs a little explaining. This event is really nothing more than organized mayhem. The rival classes line up on opposite ends of the football field, each contestant wearing a glove. The object of the fray is to capture as many of the opposition's gloves as possible. Of course there is no rule against capturing the rest of his clothes as well. In the glove fight anything goes, and the strangest things

usually happen.

Field Day, as a traditionally annual event at the Institute, is now fifty-two years old, but is much the same as when it was inaugurated in 1901. Previously underclassmen found an outlet to their rivalry in the annual Cane Rush which was sometimes literally a fight to the death. The freshmen were given possession of the cane and attempted to defend their ownership from the sophomores who contested it. The fight was supposed to end with a pistol shot, fired fifteen minutes after the contest began, but it usually served only to increase the battle tempo. When scrimmage was finally halted, the number of men from each class having a hand on the cane was compared, and the class having the highest number won. The traditional Purple Shaft commemorates this event.

The night before Field Day is traditionally one of open rivalry between the freshman and sophomore classes. Until 1923 this night was known as Tech Night, a night when the student body met to make merry, usually at a local theatre production. A gang fight was a customary part of the proceedings and festivities usually ended with a parade through the streets of Boston or Cambridge. It was brought to an end when complaints were raised over the loud rumpus Tech Night caused.

his goal. Simmons women are allowed a "certain number of 12:45 a.m. lates a year." On Friday and Saturday they must be home at 12:00. Eight permissions to 1:30 a.m., and special lates for major dances are granted during

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I WAS AWARDED A RIBBON AND PROMPTLY PUT IT IN MY TYPEWRITER

First of all—how come?

How do I come to be writing a column for Philip Morris in your campus newspaper?

I'll tell you how come:

It all began on a summer night. The air was warm, the sky was full of stars, and I sat in a cane-bottomed chair on my verandah, peaceful and serene, smoking a cigarette, humming the largo from *Death and Transfiguration*, and worming my dog.

Into this idyllic scene came a stranger—a tall, clean limbed stranger, crinkly-eyed and crooked-grinned, loose and lank. "How do you do," he said. "My name is Loose Lank and I am with the Philip Morris people."

"Enchanted," I said. "Take off your homburg and sit down." I clapped my hands. "Charles!" I called. "Another chair for Mr. Lank."

Obediently my dog trotted away and returned directly with a fan-back chair of Malayan rattan. He is the smartest dog in our block.

"I'm sorry I don't have a Morris chair," I said to Mr. Lank. "That would be rather more appropriate—you being with Philip Morris and all."

Well, sir, we had many a laugh and cheer over my little witticism. When we had finished laughing and cheering, we wiped our eyes and Mr. Lank pulled out a fresh package of Philip Morris. He yanked the tape and the pack sprang open with a fetching little snap.

"Did you hear that fetching little snap?" asked Mr. Lank.

"Yes," I said, for I did.

"Cigarette?" he said.

"Thank you," I said.

We puffed contentedly for three or four hours. Then Mr. Lank said, "I suppose you're wondering why I'm here."

"Well," I replied, my old eyes twinkling, "I'll wager you didn't come to read my meter."

You can imagine how we howled at that one!

"That's a doozy!" cried Mr. Lank, giggling wildly. "I must remember to tell it to Alice when I get home."

"Your wife?" I said.

"My father," he said.

"Oh," I said.

"Well," he said, "let's get down to business... How would you like to write a campus column for Philip Morris?"

"For money?" I said.

"Yes," he said.

"My hand, sir," I said and clasped his. Warmly he returned the pressure, and soft smiles played on our lips, and our eyes were bright with the hint of tears, and we were silent, not trusting ourselves to speak.

"Cigarette?" he said at length.

I nodded.

We lit up and puffed contentedly for eight or ten hours. "I understand you've made quite a study of college students," said Mr. Lank.

"Yes," I said, blushing modestly. "I have been collecting them for years. I have over four thousand students in my basement right now."

"In mint condition?" he said incredulously.

"Students don't come in mint condition," I explained. "They go to great expense to acquire the 'beat up look.'"

"How interesting," he said. "Tell me something more about them—their feeding habits, for example."

"They are omnivores of prodigious appetite," I said. "It is wise not to leave food about when they are present. Their favorite food is a dish called the Varsity Gasser—one scoop raspberry ice, one scoop raw hamburger, leeches nuts and maple syrup."

"Fascinating," said Mr. Lank. "And what are students interested in chiefly?"

"Each other," I replied. "Boy students are interested in girl students, and girl students are interested in boy students."

"This seems to me an admirable arrangement," said Mr. Lank. "But is it true even in these parlous days of worldwide tension and dreadful armaments?"

"It is always true," I said. "It isn't that college students don't know what's going on in the world. They know all too well. They're perfectly aware of the number of lumps waiting for them... But meanwhile the limbs are springy and the juices run strong and time is fleeting."

"What will you write about in your column?" asked Mr. Lank.

"About boys and girls," I said. "About fraternities and sororities and dormitories and boarding houses and dances and sleighrides and hayrides and cutting classes and going to classes and cramming for exams and campus politics and the profits of bookstores and convertibles and BMOs and BWOCs and professors who write new texts every year and the world's slowest humans—the page boys at the library."

"And will you say a pleasant word about Philip Morris from time to time?" asked Mr. Lank.

"Sir," I replied, "I can think of no other kind of word to say about Philip Morris."

We shook hands again then, and smiled bravely. Then he was gone—a tall silhouette moving erectly into the setting sun. "Farewell, good tobaccoist!" I cried after him. "Aloha, aloha!"

And turned with a will to my typewriter.

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Participation, Competition
Keynote M.I.T. Athletics

by Jack Friedman '57

The many contributions made to science and industry by the Institute and its traditionally high academic standards have all but obscured its part as pioneer in intercollegiate sport. You may have heard of the scientific achievements and of the academic tradition but it is extremely unlikely that you know that MIT introduced intercollegiate sailing competition or was one of the first to recognize the fast growing though little known sport of weightlifting.

Because of the lack of big-time Tech major sport teams, the athletic program has received little notice. It is however, one of the most complete to be found in any university, large or small. The program includes every sport, major or minor, with the single exception of football. Participation in varsity, freshman and j.v. athletics is perhaps the most complete anywhere. Almost one-third of the undergraduate body has at one time or another participated in the intercollegiate program.

No "Minor" Sports

Before I mentioned major and minor sports, let me correct myself. At the Institute there are no minor sports, all sports are treated equally. This is perhaps the essence of the MIT attitude.

We like to win, we are out there not just to "participate" but to win if possible. Just as there are no minor sports, there are no minor victories. A win by the basketball team over a comparatively minor league opponent rates just as high as a win by the crew over a definitely big-league adversary.

But it is obviously impossible for a college like Tech to compete in the so-called big-time in every sport without granting special privileges to athletes and recruiting prospects. This is not the way the Institute does things. We, therefore, compete with schools in our own class. Since the calibre of our teams varies with each sport, the calibre of our opponents varies greatly. This policy is perhaps the best possible one. If it were more generally in use the present situation of drastic overemphasis in intercollegiate sport would be virtually nonexistent. MIT has found the answer to overemphasis not in the equally undesirable complete deemphasis but in proper emphasis.

Tech Championship

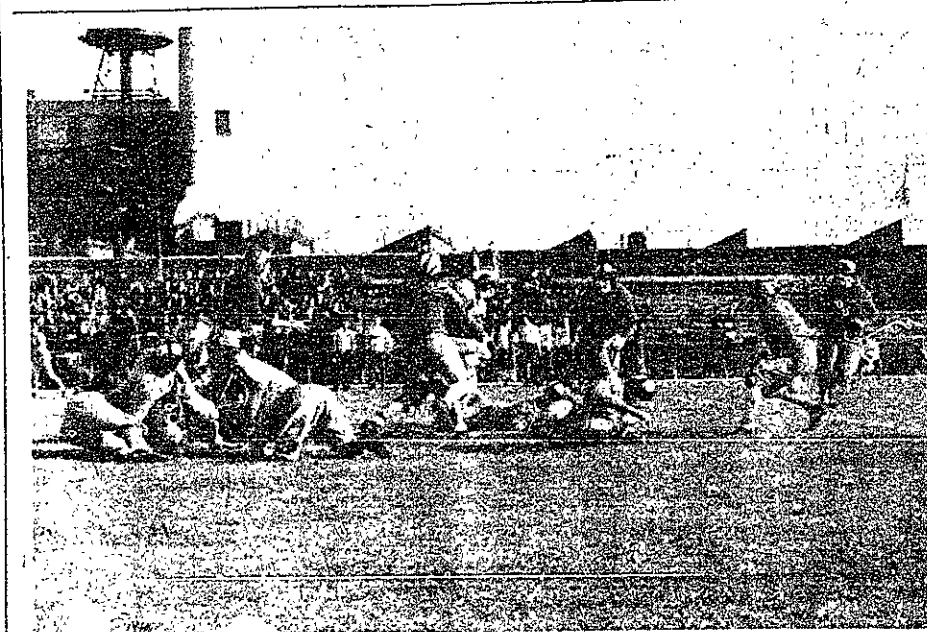
The success of this program may be easily seen. Last year's Tech varsities took home such prizes as the Thames Cup of the Henley Regatta, the national intercollegiate sailing crown, the national lightweight crew championship, a Millrose games relay win at New York's Madison Square Garden, two I.C.A.A.A. indoor track titles—Warren Lattot '55's hurdles win and Bill Antoine '56's tie for the high jump crown. The basketball team came through with one of its best seasons in recent years capped by a late season winning streak. There were many other top moments but probably the most important thing was that they were registered by genuine students, not paid goons.

Participation Great

The athletic program at Tech is designed to allow the fullest possible participation. Many of the sports, crew and squash, to name two, do not require a great deal of previous experience. In almost all sports at the freshman level and in many at the varsity level there is no "cut" made.

The athletic facilities are excellent

and are being constantly improved, witness the new hockey rink and basketball floor. Despite the high percentage of intercollegiate participants, there is room for a great many more. All these things add up to one conclusion. Your participation in intercollegiate athletics. Although you may have never gone out for a sport before, you need not hesitate to now. A surprisingly small number of Tech varsity athletes had high school experience. Why not give it a try? The field day and fall sports program offer an excellent opportunity to start out.



Frosh Advisors

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bulletin boards along with lists of freshman rooms assigned to each Counselor.

The climax of the weekend was the reception for students and their parents at the President's House on Sunday afternoon. Dr. and Mrs. Killian headed the receiving line composed of Faculty and Administration members. Refreshments were then served in the garden.

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Engineer Sailors
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On September 18th and 19th, The Engineer sailors will defend the Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy against strong Oxford University, England, first foreign challenger in the brief history of the cup. The Tech skippers won the right to defend the trophy by beating teams from Brown, Harvard, and Rhode Island Universities earlier this week on the Charles River Basin.

The Oxford team, which has been in the United States since August 22nd, has competed in an extensive schedule of match races against colleges and private yacht clubs and has compiled an excellent record. Captained by Jeremy Thomas, who is also their most experienced sailor, the team consisting of Michael Ford, Alfred Hordern, Ian Mills, John Ray and David Thorpe, is expected to give the Tech team as stiff a battle as they've yet had.

The M.I.T. skippers will be Alain deBere, '55 commodore Nick New-

man, '56 and Fred Brooks, '55—the same team which triumphed on the Charles earlier in the week.

—National Champions

The Beavers met seven other finalists in the inter-collegiate sailing championships at Newport Harbor, California, last June and carried away the Henry Adams Morss Trophy awarded yearly to the top sailing team in the nation. The victory was M.I.T.'s ninth in the nineteen years of the race. Harvard was a close second in the double round robin match.

Following their victory in the championships the Engineers joined the Crimson in successfully defending the Lipton Cup against the challenge of Washington and UCLA. This win gave the New England Sailing Association the opportunity to defend the trophy against the invasion of the Oxford squad, and the Engineer sailors by their win earned the right to represent the NEISA in the defense of the coveted Lipton trophy, one of the many bearing the name of the late great English Sportsman.

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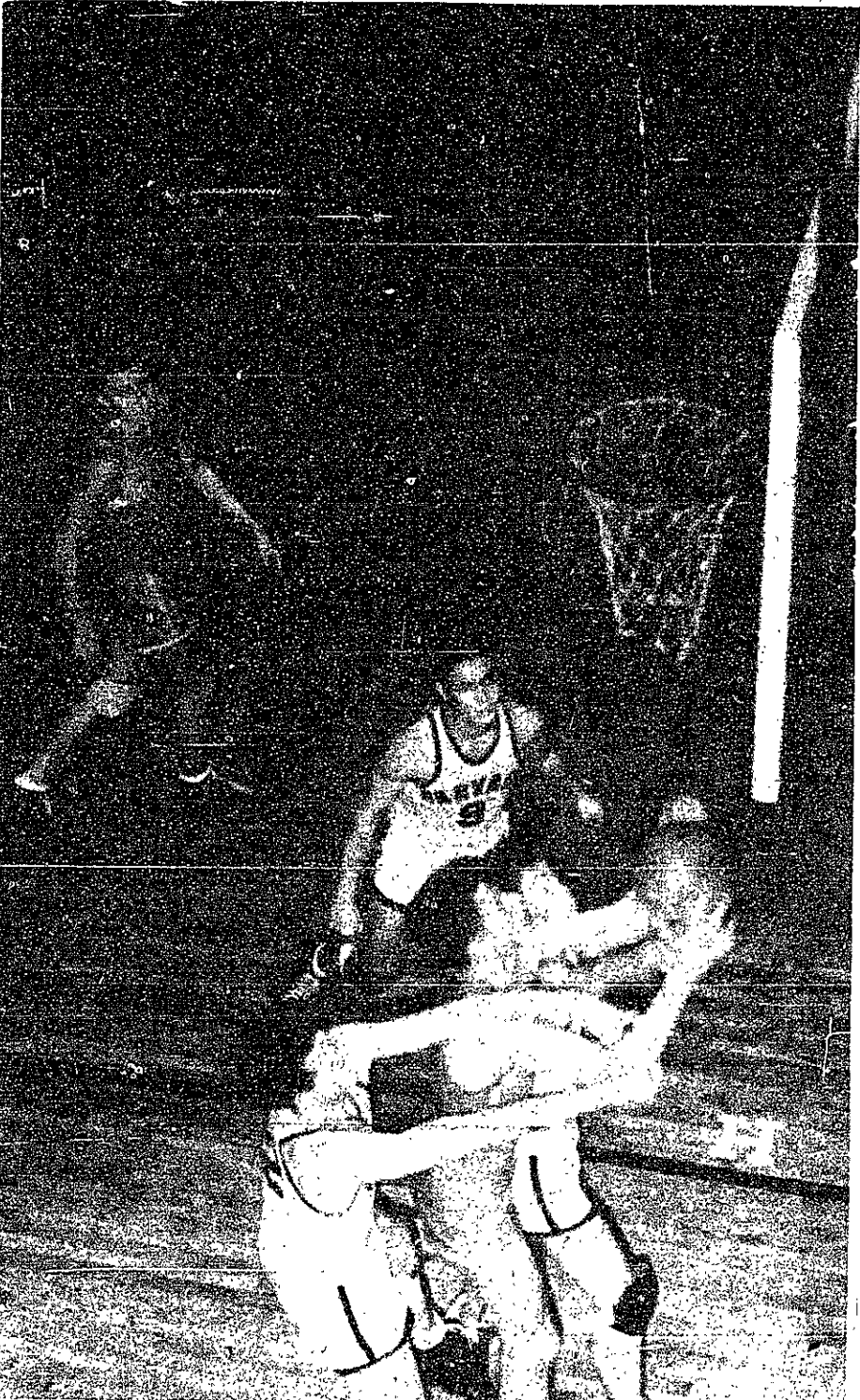
Hockey Rink, Cage Floor Will Add To Facilities

Two major building additions for Tech's athletic and recreational programs have been announced by Athletic Director Ivan J. Geiger. One is an outdoor artificial ice area and the other 13,000 sq. ft. of flooring in the present John Rockwell Athletic Cage, which will provide an exhibition basketball court and wrestling and gymnastic areas. Both will be completed in time for this year's hockey and basketball seasons.

Expand Facilities

In granting funds for this construction, M.I.T. has further expanded what

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is presently considered to be one of the finest collegiate athletic and student recreational areas. Both the ice rink and the cage flooring will be used for intramural and recreational purposes as well as for Tech's intercollegiate program.

To Adjoin Field House

The ice area, which is 85 feet by 200 feet, will adjoin the present Briggs Field House and run parallel to the Cage. It will be floodlighted and has sufficient area for possible future covering and expansion. The ice-making equipment will also serve as air-conditioning equipment for the adjoining new central auditorium now nearing completion.

Much Needed Court

The flooring in Rockwell Cage will provide Tech with a much needed varsity basketball court and also will include two super-imposed cross-courts. Bleachers will be provided to seat approximately 600 people with adequate space for many more. The new basketball court will free the Walker Memorial gymnasium for intramural use. The entire flooring is removable to allow use of the dirt floor by the baseball and lacrosse squads during early spring practice. The remaining half of the Briggs Cage will contain a cinder track, pits for pole vaulting, high jumping, broad jumping, and areas for shot put.

Intramural Sports Offer Competition For Everyone

by Jerry Marwell '57

This is your column! It talks about the more than 1700 of you who compete in intramural sports. It is concerned with the competitive athletic outlet that is within the reach of every one of you.

Starting with football early in October and ending with tennis in May, the intramural program provides a wide range of sports in which the MIT student may participate. Besides the two tournaments already mentioned, basketball, softball, volley ball, ping-pong, bowling, squash, swimming, sailing, and track tournaments are held.

New Crew Coach Leanderson Here, Will Coach Frosh

Philip Leanderson, former University of Washington varsity oarsman, has been appointed freshman crew coach for this coming season. The new coach will assist varsity coach Jim McMillin another Washington oarsman, in maintaining Tech's prominence in crew circles.

Leanderson participated in the 1953 Olympic games at Helsinki as a member of a four-oared shell and in that same year was varsity stroke of the Huskies eight. He will take over the freshman assignment as successor to Ron McKay.

Last year's season was highlighted by stiff contests in each of the three major sports and in some of the minor ones. East Campus, ATO and Graduate House tied for the basketball title and Phi Gam copped the football honors after a tough battle with SAE; the Grads also won the softball title after surviving close contests with East Campus and Sigma Phi Epsilon. SAE romped home in volleyball and the swimming meet, while Kappa Sigma ran off with the track meet.

SAE Honored

The coveted all-sports trophy went to SAE. This trophy is awarded to the team that gains the most points during the intramural season. Points are awarded for finishing first, second, or third in any of the tournaments. A first in any of the three major sports is worth forty points, while a win in any of the eight minor ones gives a team ten points. SAE, which has taken the title many times, won last year by displaying strength in every one of the competitive sports from football to ping-pong. SAE's continuing success points up the secret of producing winning teams. Getting every eligible Techman in your house or living group to try out, and then to show up at all the games, in all the sports, is the only way to win.

One of the advantages of having a vast intramural program such as we have is that it affords the talented but unsure athlete to find himself. The boy who feels himself unequal to varsity competition can find out exactly how good he is.

All-Star Teams

One of the most interesting developments of last year's season was the emergence of the competing all-star teams in the major sports. With The Tech and the Athletic Association working hand in hand, football and basketball games for these squads against comparable teams from other colleges were scheduled.

The touch football team dropped a tight 12-6 decision to Tufts, while the All-Star basketball five crushed Brandeis, Tufts and B.U. in rapid succession. This squad, led by 6-4 "Dee" Vergun '56, who played for East Campus, also put up a strong fight against our varsity in a post-season exhibition game. "Dee" is expected to be one of the varsity's top players this year.

Paid Referees

The other new development on the intramural scene last year was the adoption of a system of paid refs for football and basketball contests. This guarantees uniform officiating for every game throughout the season.

There it is! . . . the whole system laid out before you. It's there for your benefit, for you to make or break. The Institute isn't paying any coaches to train you or to get you to go out for these teams; it's simply providing you with the facilities with which to enjoy yourself through low-pressure but stimulating athletic competition. Whether they want to enjoy themselves or not is up to the students. We're betting that they do . . . and from now on this column will be concerned with talking about them . . . the ones that play . . . you. Here's hoping this is a great season to write about.



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Home Meets at Franklin Park		
October		
Sat. 9	Tufts	2:00 P.M.
Sat. 16	Univ. of Mass.	2:00 P.M.
Sat. 23	Univ. of N. H.	2:00 P.M.
Sat. 30	Northeastern	2:00 P.M.
November		
Mon. 8	NEICAAA	1:30 P.M.
Mon. 15	ICAAA-NYC	2:30 P.M.

FRESHMAN SAILING		
Note: Heavy type indicates Home Regattas		
October		
Sat. 2	Hexagonal	
Sun. 10	Elimination "B" for Championships	
Tues. 12	Undecagonal	
Sun. 24	Quadrangular	
November		
Sat. 6	Championships	
Sun. 7	Final	

FRESHMAN SOCCER		
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October		
Fri. 8	Medford High	3:30 P.M.
Wed. 13	Tufts	4:00 P.M.
Tues. 19	Harvard	3:45 P.M.
Sat. 23	Brown	10:00 A.M.
Sat. 30	Univ. of Conn.	10:30 A.M.
November		
Sat. 6	Andover Academy	2:30 P.M.

Introduction to Boston

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and Huntington Field. Around Boston there are several night clubs that are very popular with M.I.T. students. Among these are "Blinstrub's Village," the "Bavarian Rathskeller," "Robin Hood's Ten Acres, Wayland," and "The Meadows." The laws around Boston limiting liquor to minors are very strict. If you are under 21, be sure you order non-alcoholic beverages or a dinner.

When winter covers Boston, skiing and ice skating become very popular with students in all the colleges. Many of the public parks have ponds that freeze over in the winter and many of the students plan trips to skiing resorts in New Hampshire during the winter weekends.

An overall picture like this plus the many student activities within the M.I.T. campus should provide enough entertainment and recreation for students to enjoy the Boston area.

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Wheelock—Brookline Avenue busses from Kenmore Station go near most of the undergraduate houses. Doors close at 12:20 a.m., on Fridays and 1:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Sunday night the deadline is 10:30 p.m.

Wrong Approach

Girls will be girls even in Boston, and here as anywhere else they rate the male populace on the basis of the usual seemingly small but very important aspects of personality. Labeled as a bore immediately is the gent who fills his conversation with class room matters such as Calculus, Physics, Chemistry, etc. Many of the girls probably know as much about these subjects as any freshman from M.I.T., and since there are a good many men from the Institute making the rounds, it's hard to begrudge the girls a change of subject.

Also particularly obnoxious is the date who tries to engender pity in the hearts of his women by complaining of the torturous hours or the sleepless, benzedrine-filled nights. The girls have heard these stories a hundred times over. In short, success with the fair sex comes largely through personality, the sum of a man's attitudes toward life and toward others as expressed in his every action, however small. The things he's done and the honors he's received count for very little.

Social Calendar

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January	
14 5:15 Club Dance	
15 I. D. C. Dance	
SPRING TERM	
February	
11 Dormitory Acquaintance Dance	
12 I. D. C. Dance	
18 5:15 Club Dance	
19 Senior Dance	
25 Club Latino Dance	
26 East Campus Dance	
March	
3, 4, 5 Tech Show	
5 Hillel Dance	
11 All Tech Dance	
12 All Tech Sing	
19 Scabbard and Blade Military Ball	
25 Class of 1956 Dance	
26 I. F. C. Dance (East Campus Dance ???)	
April	
8 5:15 Club Dance	
9, 10 Institute Committee Leadership Conference	
15 I. F. C. Formal Dance	
22 Assemblies Ball	
23 I. D. C. Dance	
29, 30 Dormitory Weekend Formal and House Dances	
30 Armenian Club Dance	
May	
6 5:15 Club Dance	
7 Tech Nite at the Pops	
14 East Campus Dance	
21 I. D. C. Dance	
2-9 Senior Week	

The Tech Story

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make an appointment for an interview with a member of the Managing Board. Appointments may be made at the Activities Midway in Reckwell Cage on Saturday. Staff members will be available at The Tech's booth to explain any aspect of the paper.

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